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UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. MET580/4-1

First Inventor DeWayne L. Hays
Title Methods and Apparatus for
Improved Security Services

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 59]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 38]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

a. Newly executed (original or copy)
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
- c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other:

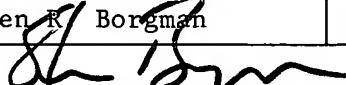
18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit: _____

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2002

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | | |
| 101 740 | 201 370 | Utility filing fee | 740 |
| 106 330 | 206 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 510 | 207 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 740 | 208 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 160 | 214 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) | | | 740 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|----------|
| Total Claims | 24 | -20** = 4 x 18 = 72 | |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3** = 1 x 84 = 84 | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | 156 |

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| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | | |
| 103 18 | 203 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 102 84 | 202 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 104 280 | 204 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 109 84 | 209 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 110 18 | 210 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) | | | 156 |

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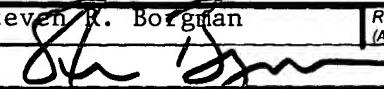
3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 105 130 | 205 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 50 | 227 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 130 | 139 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 2,520 | 147 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 920* | 112 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 1,840* | 113 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 110 | 215 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 400 | 216 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 920 | 217 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 1,440 | 218 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 1,960 | 228 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 320 | 219 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 320 | 220 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 280 | 221 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 1,510 | 138 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 110 | 240 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 1,280 | 241 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 1,280 | 242 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 460 | 243 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 620 | 244 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 130 | 122 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 50 | 123 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 180 | 126 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 40 | 581 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 740 | 246 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 740 | 249 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 740 | 279 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 900 | 169 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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Re: Application for Patent
METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING IMPROVED SECURITY SERVICES
Inventors: DeWayne L. Hays, Robert Lewis Michaels, Jr., and Arthur A. Vanderbilt
Our Ref.: MET580/4-1

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following materials:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
2. Fee Transmittal for FY 2002;
3. 59 pages of specification and 38 pages of drawings;
4. Filing fee in the amount of \$896.00; and
5. Unsigned Declaration with information regarding inventors DeWayne L. Hays, Robert Lewis Michaels, Jr., and Arthur A. Vanderbilt.

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